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JANUARY-NOVEMBER AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 10.7 PERCENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20 — As 1985 draws to a close, the Air Transport Association reports that the year's airline passenger traffic is up better than 10 percent over last year.

Airline passenger traffic for the first 11 months of the year was 10.7 percent higher over the same period last year, and passenger traffic in November was up 3.5 percent, according to ATA.

For the first 11 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 11 percent. Available seat miles increased 4.9 percent. The load factor was 60.9 percent, up from 57.6 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through November registered a gain of 9.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 11.1 percent. The load factor was 65.5 percent, down slightly from the 66.3 percent during the first 11 months of last year.

For the month of November in domestic service, passenger traffic rose 3.0 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.4 percent. The load factor was 54.0, down from 56.4 percent in November of last year.

In international service in November, passenger traffic rose 5.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 14.7 percent. The load factor was 55.2 percent, down from 59.9 per cent in November of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1985 - 1984

	YEAR	NOVEMBER RPM'S (000)	NOVEMBER ASM'S (000)	NOVEMBER LOAD FACTOR (%)	YEAR TO DATE RPM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE ASM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	85	17,985,287	33,281,710	54.0	222,000,724	364,362,560	60.9
	84	17,464,934	30,981,258	56.4	199,985,551	347,227,461	57.6
PERCENT CHANGE		3.0	7.4		11.0	4.9	
INTERNATIONAL	85	4,165,920	7,540,191	55.2	58,010,233	88,545,048	65.5
	84	3,937,818	6,572,729	59.9	52,856,301	79,689,538	66.3
PERCENT CHANGE		5.8	14.7		9.8	11.1	
TOTAL	85	22,151,207	40,821,901	54.3	280,010,957	452,907,608	61.8
	84	21,402,752	37,553,987	57.0	252,841,852	426,916,999	59.2
PERCENT CHANGE		3.5	8.7		10.7	6.1	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.